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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated July 16, 2004 in which the Examiner rejected claims 1-62 as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) in view of prior art. On September 14<sup>th</sup>, the new Examiner in the case and the attorney for Applicants held a phone interview discussing the rejection. Although no agreement was reached, the Examiner requested Applicants to submit the arguments presented during the phone interview for the Examiner to reconsider. Applicants submit that all pending claims are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2.